

**TOWN OF VERNON**  
**VERNON ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of July 1, 2013**

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**ATTENDANCE: Commissioners (C) & Associate Commissioners (A)**

Irma Carter (C)	Lisa Ouellette (C)	Guests:
Andrea Nardi (A)	Ginny Rogala (C)	John Kopec, Vernon Town Council
Bobbie Orne (C)	Bill Walach (C)	

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Acting Chair Ginny Rogala.

MINUTES of June 3, 2013 were corrected (NEW BUSINESS, # 3, Line 7 Lindsey (not Lisa) Dunlap). Minutes were unanimously approved as corrected (B. Walach moved; L. Ouellette seconded). A motion to reconsider the approval of the May 6<sup>th</sup> minutes was made (B. Walach) and seconded (L. Ouellette). Unanimously approved. The minutes were corrected to state that the Artist's Forum was held on 4/29/2013 (not on 5/29/2013). Motion to accept minutes as corrected (B. Walach) and seconded (G. Rogala). Unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Town Account

Pervious Balance	\$ 1.05
(with new budget, 7/1/13)	\$8,524
Performance	\$5,500
Advertising	\$ 984
Supplies	\$ 40
Scholarship	\$2,000
FVAC	\$1,019.99

Treasurer's Report unanimously approved (I. Carter moved; B. Walach seconded).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

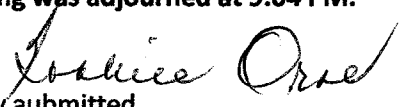
- **Website Update.** Lisa suggested we send out the website address to others (e.g. Town Council, Schools, Historical Society, etc.). Bill reports activity on Facebook but VAC does not have (and needs) a designated Facebook site-checker.
- **Update on VAC Hosting Regional Arts Commission Meeting:** Tabled until LRP group discussion.
- **Future of VAC & Artist's Forum.** A motion was made (B. Walach) & seconded (I. Carter) to temporarily suspend the Forum. Unanimously approved.
- **VAC FALL BUS TRIP TO MASSMoCa on 10/5/2013.** Cost of bus = \$1,225 (approx. \$13.50 pp); Cost of Guided Tour = \$120 ( 2 groups). A motion was made (B. Walach) & seconded (L. Ouellette) to charge \$50/pp for trip (based on 45 people). Unanimously approved. Other details of trip to follow. Bobbie will request permission from town to use Center Road parking lot for scheduled bus trips. Publicity to start ASAP.
- **VAC-Sponsored Bus Trip on 7/19/2013 to HSO Concert at Talcott Mountain.** One bus full, second bus has 30 people. Deadline for reservations is 7/12/13. Donna Barnas and Thomasina Clemons will each serve as the VAC representative and facilitator on each of the buses. Tip for each driver = \$60. Will hand out publicity (flyer) re: MASSMoCa trip on each bus.

- **Town Council Rep. John Kopac.** Discussion re: Budget cuts to VAC. VAC members thanked John for serving as Town Council representative to VAC this year.
  - **LTP Discussion:** To be held on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM.
  - **Letter of Congratulations to local artist, Olu Oguibe, UConn Professor.** Report to be forthcoming.
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Report of L. Ouellette's Attendance at Creative Communities Exchange In June, 2013 in Portland, Maine.** Lisa shared many of the positives from her experience and will put these in writing for members of the VAC. – lots of "how to ideas."
- **Chair for August 5<sup>th</sup> VAC Meeting.** Irma will chair the August meeting. Please send Agenda items to her.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.**

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Orne, Secretary

**L. Ouellette**